



Okarche Public Schools

Okarche Regular Board Meeting

Okarche High School Library, 632 West Oklahoma Avenue, Okarche, OK 73762

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 7:00 PM

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM

1. Call to order and record attendance.

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

Joe Alig:	Present
Robert Anderson:	Present
Jarro Mueggenborg:	Present
Heather Nance:	Present
John Pinkerton:	Present

Present: 5.

Also in attendance was Tony Williams, Terrell Ludwig, Kristi Alig, Mike Bias, Jeff Henrichs, Brian Mueggenborg, Amie Rother, Brad Krittenbrink, Sarah Krittenbrink, Brandi Krittenbrink, Valerie Rankin and Charles O'Donnell.

2. Consideration and action on the minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 8, 2025.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 8, 2025. This motion, made by Robert Anderson and seconded by John Pinkerton, Passed.

Joe Alig:	Yea
Robert Anderson:	Yea
Jarro Mueggenborg:	Yea
Heather Nance:	Yea
John Pinkerton:	Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

3. Communication/Public Hearings

Mr. Mueggenborg wanted to let everyone know that comments made during communications and public hearings, per our policy, can only be 5 minutes long per person, and you must sign up to speak before the meeting starts, and comments cannot be derogatory in nature.

#### 4. Administrative Reports and discussion

##### a. Elementary Principal - Chris Roby

Started the new semester. We are two weeks in and things are going well. This month we will do our safety drills. We hosted a QB tourn last week and will host another next week, We will be doing our school-wide spelling bee soon. Mastery Connect is in and covers all the subject areas. Next month we will go back to benchmark testing.

##### b. JH/HS Principal - G.W. Parham

The Okarche Teaching Greenhouse is 99% finished. All that needs to be completed is hooking up the gas to the heaters. Mr. O'Donnell wants to thank each one of you for allowing this teaching greenhouse to be built. He highly encourages each of you to come and take a look inside. His classes have been hard at work already putting the greenhouse to use for the spring plant sale. Robotics team is currently second in league and league championship is going to be on Feb 7. In Band, 6 kids participated in the Red Carpet Honor Band last weekend. 4 kids will participate in the All Area Honor Band this coming weekend. Several hundred students from across NW Oklahoma auditioned for each band. Making the band is a high honor. Beta Club inducted 36 members tonight! They are recognized academic achievement, character, leadership, and service. Congrats to them and all their efforts to earn entry into this Club. STUCO is having the Week of Love the week of January 26th - 30th with the Coaches vs. Cancer game on February 3rd. Winter Formal is Feb. 7th from 8:00-10:00pm

Mr. Alig asked Mr. Parham about the grades he went over last meeting. From 7th to 8th grade we had a pretty big drop in it. He asked why we are seeing such a drop. Mr. Parham said there is a different standard from 7th to 8th. It could be their performance from year to year as well. Mr. Alig is wondering if we need to do something to improve JH math. Mr. Parham said that it depends on kids and whether they are taking Algebra 1 or pre-algebra again, too.

##### c. Superintendent - Josh Sumrall

Second semester is off to a good start. Students continue to have success and do well. We get comments from all over the state like academic bowls, athletics, all sorts of areas. We are proud of them.

##### d. Financial Report

General fund had 2.3 million, Bldg has 2.2 million. We did receive our first initial tax payment right about \$2 million in January. Mr. Alig asked about the account going negative in December. Mr. Sumrall said our general fund has money in CD's at the bank, so we did not run out of money. The bank knows we get our initial payment in the first week of January. The bank doesn't make us get it out of CD's since we have the big payment coming in. Mr. Alig asked what safeguards could be put in place to keep that from happening. Could

we have deferred payments for a month? Mr. Sumrall said we are going to discontinue our cleaning company starting March 1st. We also have a plan in place that as staff leave we will absorb them by attrition. Mr. Alig asked if we have looked at child nutrition and what we can do there? In the last 5 years we have taken \$1.49 million out of our general fund to pay for child nutrition. Mr. Alig said that Robin Hill (a K-8 school) is a good comparison to us for what we could benefit from being on the child nutrition program. Mr. Alig asked if we could see if our Treasurer could audit Keystone. It's in our policies not to purchase food at cost plus over 10%. A Keystone employee is doing inventory to track food. Mr. Sumrall said that Hope oversees that. He will visit with Hope. Mr. Alig pulled line items on expenditures from OCAS and thinks we should look at it line by line and see where we could save money. Mr. Alig said building maintenance has increased a lot. Mr. Alig would like us to try and save other places before we take away bonuses and such. Mr. Alig asked if Mr Sumrall knew we were in this shape before the October and November meetings. Mr. Sumrall said he knew it was a possibility that revenue would decline.

5. Consideration and action on the following consent agenda items:

Motion to approve consent agenda items 5c through 5f. This motion, made by Joe Alig and seconded by John Pinkerton, Passed.

Joe Alig: Yea  
Robert Anderson: Yea  
Jarrod Mueggenborg: Yea  
Heather Nance: Yea  
John Pinkerton: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

a. General Fund purchase orders : 367-378

Motion to approve consent agenda item 5a. This motion, made by Robert Anderson and seconded by John Pinkerton, Passed.

Joe Alig: Yea  
Robert Anderson: Yea  
Jarrod Mueggenborg: Yea  
Heather Nance: Yea  
John Pinkerton: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

b. Building Fund purchase orders : 3-21

Motion to approve consent agenda item 5b. This motion, made by Robert Anderson and seconded by John Pinkerton, Passed.

Joe Alig: Yea  
Robert Anderson: Yea  
Jarrod Mueggenborg: Yea  
Heather Nance: Yea

John Pinkerton: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

c. Child Nutrition purchase orders : None

d. Activity Fund report : Individual summaries attached

e. Activity Account transfer of funds : None

f. Child Nutrition report : None

6. Discussion and possible action on a fundraiser request by BETA Club for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion to approve the fundraiser request by BETA Club for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Joe Alig and seconded by Robert Anderson, Passed.

Joe Alig: Yea  
Robert Anderson: Yea  
Jarrod Mueggenborg: Yea  
Heather Nance: Yea  
John Pinkerton: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

7. Discussion and vote to convene into executive session to discuss any resignations, and the annual evaluation and contract of Superintendent. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).

Motion to convene into executive session at 7:26pm to discuss any resignations, and the annual evaluation and contract of Superintendent. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1). This motion, made by John Pinkerton and seconded by Robert Anderson, Passed.

Joe Alig: Yea  
Robert Anderson: Yea  
Jarrod Mueggenborg: Yea  
Heather Nance: Yea  
John Pinkerton: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8. Acknowledge return to open session and that no other items were discussed in executive session other than those outlined in the motion to convene.

Returned at 10:07pm

9. Recognition and possible action on any employment resignations.

Motion to accept the resignation of Briley Peters as Special Ed Teacher for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Robert Anderson and seconded by Joe Alig, Passed.

Joe Alig: Yea

Robert Anderson: Yea

Jarrold Mueggenborg: Yea

Heather Nance: Yea

John Pinkerton: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10. Discussion and possible action to amend/extend the contract of Superintendent of Okarche Public Schools.

No action was taken.

11. New Business

None

12. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Robert Anderson and seconded by John Pinkerton, Passed.

Joe Alig: Yea

Robert Anderson: Yea

Jarrold Mueggenborg: Yea

Heather Nance: Yea

John Pinkerton: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Meeting Adjournment Time 10:11 PM

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President

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Vice President

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Deputy Clerk

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Clerk

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Parliamentarian